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In re Application of:  
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For: Enhancement of CU Line  
Reliability Using Thin ALD Tan  
Film to Cap the CU Line

Group Art Unit: 2823

Examiner: John M. Parker

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/007532.Y1/KMT, for any fees, including excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.